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SUBJECT: UN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1. AMB MAGHOUB (SUDAN PERMREP IN GENEVA) WHO IS IN NEW YORK FOR UNIDO CONFERENCE, HAS TOLD AMB WELLS THAT THE ENDORSEMENT OF A SPECIFIC AFRICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS BEEN INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA OF THE OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN TRIPOLI. ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATE IS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED MONDAY, FEB 27. MAGHOUB INDICATED THAT SUDAN'S CANDIDATE, MANSUR KHALID, HAD STRONG SUPPORT NOT ONLY FROM THE ARAB-AFRICAN GROUP BUT FROM ZAIRE, TANZANIA, IVORY COAST, KENYA AND UGANDA. SUPPORT IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN FORM OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS AT HIGH GOVERNMENT LEVELS.

2. IF KHALID DOES NOT WIN ENDORSEMENT, THEN MAGHOUB INDICATED THAT SUDAN'S POSITION WOULD BE TO SHIFT THEIR SUPPORT TO "ANOTHER" AFRICAN CANDIDATE. HE WOULD NOT SPECIFY WHICH CANDIDATE. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT
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SUDAN'S PITCH TO MINISTERIAL IS THAT AFRICAN GROUP SHOULD ENDORSE ONE SPECIFIC CANDIDATE WHOEVER THAT MAYBE.
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